

7 Reasons to Support SB 220- the 3 word Fighting Fix.

- ✚ The Bills INTENT was to include Spectators: (as “participant” was thought to include spectators)
- ✚ There is animal fighting in Montana. And with increased penalties in Wyoming and Idaho law enforcement agencies in counties that border those states are expecting increased activity because spectators cannot be charged with a crime.
- ✚ Montana and Hawaii are the ONLY TWO states where being a spectator at dog & cock fight is legal.
- ✚ Animal Fighting is not what you thought it was:
 - Vick case taught about training/rape stands
 - Roosters battle in nature but not with steel blades
 - Most animal fights are discovered because of the guns/drugs/gambling associated with them
- ✚ MT is ranked 50th of 51 (includes D.C.) for Dog Fighting laws.
- ✚ MT is ranked 31st of 51 for Cock Fighting laws and both being a spectator and possessions of implements are legal.
- ✚ There is no legislative fiscal impact to amending this statute to honor its original intent.